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Governor Scott Walker Announces \$1.86 Million in Youth Apprenticeship Grants

Madison – Governor Scott Walker announced today that \$1.8 million in Wisconsin Youth Apprenticeship (YA) program grant awards have been awarded to train high school juniors and seniors during the upcoming school year. The nationally recognized skills training program served about 1,900 youths last year.

“Wisconsin Youth Apprenticeship helps students train for in-demand careers,” Governor Walker said. “The program is a key part of our goal to equip workers with the skills employers need and to help workers succeed in those jobs. I am pleased that we will build on the success of this program by serving hundreds of additional students this year through strengthened collaborations and innovation among local partners.”

The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) administers the Youth Apprenticeship program in partnership with local service providers, school districts, and employers. The YA grant awards totaling \$1.86 million will go to 31 regional consortia across Wisconsin. The number of students who will participate in the coming year is currently being finalized with each consortium.

Wisconsin’s Youth Apprenticeship program was recognized in the 2011 “Pathways to Prosperity” report issued by the Harvard Graduate School of Education. The report heralded the YA program as an “Exemplar of Employee Engagement” due to the high number of students who enter and complete post-secondary education or enter the workforce after completing the YA program.

The Wisconsin Youth Apprenticeship program began in 1991 and includes 40 different occupations. Enrollees choose an occupation and interview with participating employers to train in one of 10 program areas. Youth apprentices complete on-the-job training with the employer and receive technical college-level instruction at their local high schools. Those who complete the program receive a Youth Apprenticeship completion certificate, may receive technical college credit, and graduate with the skills needed to accept an entry-level job in their training area.

Last year, DWD awarded \$1.6 million in grants to local consortia, which trained close to 1,900 youth apprentices at more than 1,300 employers during the school year. The program covered over 200 school districts. Overall, 75 percent of those completing a 2-year youth apprenticeship were offered a job by the employer that provided their training. Additionally, 84 percent of those due to graduate successfully completed the program and received a state skill certificate.

Governor Walker's budget includes a \$100 million agenda to develop Wisconsin's workforce. Other key investments in the 2013-15 Biennial Budget include nearly \$2 million in permanent state funding for Wisconsin's adult apprenticeship program, \$5 million in additional funds for Wisconsin's technical colleges, and funds for academic and career planning in K-12 schools.

The Wisconsin YA grant awards for 2013-14 include:

Consortium Name	Amount granted
Wolf River	\$44,235
North Central WI School-to-Career Partnership	\$225,599
South Central WI YA Partnership	\$285,758
North Central Career & Technical Education Consortium	\$28,504
CESA 6	\$136,863
Waukesha County STW Partnership	\$139,871
Fond du Lac STW Consortium	\$82,512
Rock Co STW Partnership	\$60,160
Manitowoc County YA	\$44,368
Sheboygan Area YA Consortium	\$48,880
St Croix Valley	\$41,387
Southwest WI	\$60,009
GPS Education Partners	\$132,351
Milton-Edgerton STW Partnership	\$28,504
Milwaukee Public Schools	\$40,608
Mid-WI STW Partnership	\$47,075
Sparta Area SD	\$16,711
CESA 11	\$82,719
Green Bay Area Partners in Education	\$54,896
South Shore Suburban Consortium	\$30,080
Central WI Consortium	\$31,500
Mississippi Valley Consortium	\$13,226
RAMAC	\$33,880
Workforce 2020	\$14,951
Chippewa Valley	\$45,940
Northwest CEP	\$13,226
Trempealeau Valley Consortia	\$22,395
Kenosha Unified School District	\$14,376
CESA 1	\$13,753
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Marinette-Oconto Consortium	\$11,324
TOTAL	\$1,858,442

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